

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A composition for treating a wart comprising:  
formaldehyde as an active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 20% by weight;  
at least one non-active ingredient; and  
wherein the composition is in the form of a gel.
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight.
3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount between about 5% to about 15% by weight.
4. The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes water which is present in amount of at least 50% by weight.
5. The composition of claim 4, further including thickening agent in an amount sufficient to cause the composition to be in gel form.

6. The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes deionized water, polysorbate 20, isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine.

7. The composition of claim 6, wherein the polysorbate 20 is present in an amount greater than 5% by weight.

8. The composition of claim 6, wherein each of the isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine is present in an amount less than 5% by weight.

9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes at least one thickening agent, a fragrance and an alcohol.

10. A composition for treating a wart comprising:  
formaldehyde as an active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight;  
non-active ingredients including at least two ingredients selected from the group consisting of deionized water, polysorbate 20, isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine; and

wherein the composition is in the form of a gel.

11. The composition of claim 10, wherein the deionized water is present in an amount greater than about 58%.

12. The composition of claim 10, wherein the polysorbate 20 is present in an amount greater than 5% by weight.

13. The composition of claim 10, wherein each of the isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine is present in an amount less than 5% by weight.

14. A composition for treating a wart comprising:  
formaldehyde as an active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 30% by weight;  
at least one non-active ingredient; and  
wherein the composition is in the form of a powder.

15. The composition of claim 14, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight.

16. The composition of claim 14, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes a thickening agent present in an amount greater than or equal to about 50%.

17. The composition of claim 16, wherein the thickener comprises silica.
18. The composition of claim 14, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes peppermint oil, corn starch and kaolin.
19. A method of treating a wart comprising the steps of:
  - providing a pharmaceutical preparation that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and at least one non-active, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 20% by weight and the composition is in the form of a powder or a gel;
  - applying the preparation to a surface of the wart to cause drying of the wart; and
  - subsequently removing the dried wart tissue.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein the formaldehyde is present in amount greater than or equal to about 10% by weight.
21. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one non-active ingredient includes a thickening agent present in an amount greater than or equal to about 50%.
22. The method of claim 21, wherein the thickening agent comprises silica.
23. The method of claim 21, wherein the non-active ingredients permit the composition to be in the form of a gel, wherein the non-active ingredients include at least three

ingredients selected from the group consisting of deionized water; polysorbate 20, isopropanol, carbomer, peppermint oil and triethanolamine.

24. A method of treating a surgical site prior to or after another procedure is performed to remove a skin growth, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a pharmaceutical preparation that includes formaldehyde as an active ingredient and at least one non-active ingredient, wherein the formaldehyde is present in an amount from about 2% to about 20% by weight and the composition is in the form of a powder or a gel;

applying the preparation to the surgical site to remove excessive moisture at the surgical site; and

performing the other procedure to treat the skin growth in the case where the preparation is used as a pretreatment prior to the other procedure being performed.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the other procedure comprises a pre or post surgical procedure for removal of the skin growth or non-surgical laser treatment of the skin growth.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the skin growth comprises one or more warts.

27. The method of claim 24, wherein the formaldehyde is present in amount between about 5% to about 10% by weight.